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SUBJECT: ASHER YADLIN PLEADS GUILTY; IMPLICATES LABOR PARTY

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1. ASHER YADLIN PLEADED QUILTY THIS MORNING TO FIVE  
OF THE SEVEN CHARGES IN THE INDICTMENT FILED AGAINST HIM.  
ADMITTING TO HAVING RECEIVED MONIES ILLEGALLY, YADLIN  
TESTIFIED THAT THE TRANSFERRED "MILLIONS" TO THE LABOR  
PARTY IN VIOLATION OF THE PARTY FUNDING LAW. HE CLAIMED  
THAT PRIOR TO THE 1973 ELECTION THE HAD BEEN UNDER PRESSURE  
FROM FORMER FINANCE MINISTER THE LATE PINHAS SAPHIR,  
PRESENT FINANCE MINISTER YEHOSHUA RABINOWITZ AND ANOTHER  
PARTY STALWART DAVID CALDERON, TO SOLICIT FUNDS FOR THE  
LABOR PARTY. HE SAID THAT MONEY HE HAD RECEIVED IN  
BROKERAGE DEALS HAD BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE PARTY  
FOLLOWING REQUESTS BY RABINOWITZ AND A FORMER  
TREASURER OF THE PARTY, ZE'EV WEINER. HE ALSO  
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IMPLICATED A FORMER SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE PARTY  
(AND HIS COUSIN), PRESENT MINISTER OF EDUCATION  
AHARON YADLIN.

2. FOLLOWING YADLIN'S PLEA, THE PROSECUTION DROPPED THE OTHER TWO  
CHANRES IN THE INDICTMENT AND THE COURT  
THEREUPON CONVICTED YADLIN OF "TAKING A BRIBE,

PLOTTING TO CONSPIRE, FRAUD, RECEIVING SOMETHING FRAUDULENTLY, AND VIOLATING THE LAND BETTERMENT TAX."

3. SHORTLY AFTER THE NEWS OF YADLIN'S CHARGES, THE LIKUD ANNOUNCED ITS INTENTION OR RAISING THE MATTER IN THE KNESSET. END UNCLASSIFIED

4. COMMENT: YADLIN'S SURPRISE CONFESSION COMES JUST EIGHT DAYS BEFORE THE LABOR PARTY'S CONVENTION. ALREADY TAINTED BY EARLIER REVELATIONS OF SCANDAL AND THE OFER SUICIDE, LABOR'S ELECTION PROSPECTS HAVE NOW BEEN DEALT A FURTHER BLOW BY THIS TESTIMONY. THE IMMEDIATE AND SPECIFIC DAMAGE MAY BE TO RABIN'S FORTUNES SINCE RABINOWITZ IS A STRONG SUPPORTER OF AND ADVISER TO HE PRINE MINISTER. YADLIN'S CHARGES COULD WELL HEAD TO INVESTIGATION OF THOSE ACCUSED IN COMING WEEKS; THE CHARGES ALONE ARE SEEN AS INFlicting A SERIOUS SETBACK TO RABIN IN HIS CONTEST WITH PERES.

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